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Mr. Irving G. McNayr
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Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. McNayr:

I have read with interest your proposal to establish Route 5S between Herndon and 11th and E Streets, N.W.; and, I agree that this will constitute a much more direct and convenient channel for commuters who live in the Herndon and Reston areas. I note, however, that you have specifically excluded the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from your proposal. I have reason to believe that a market exists for transportation from the Herndon and Reston communities to the CIA Headquarters Building. Moreover, I believe the size of this market will not only justify a stop at CIA but may become a growing source of revenue.

Our records show that there are 301 persons currently living in Reston and 197 who live in Herndon who are either employed by CIA or are affiliated in some capacity which requires daily travel to the CIA Headquarters Building. It is extremely doubtful that any of these commuters find the existing route structure to be a dependable means of transportation to CIA. The morning schedule requires a total traveling time of 1 hour 13 minutes which includes a 16-minute waiting period at Tysons Corner between the arrival of the 3S bus and the departure of the 25K bus. While the morning schedule is considered reasonable, the evening schedule provides only 2 minutes between the arrival of the 25W bus from CIA and the departure of the 3S bus to Herndon. A very slight deviation from this schedule would cause a passenger to wait an additional 1 hour 19 minutes for the next 3S bus.

The proposed Route 5S, as it stands at this point, will do nothing to improve this situation even though it will pass very close to our front gate. Conversely, if this new service is routed through the CIA Compound, there will be a direct link between Herndon and CIA with a total rush-hour traveling time of approximately 1 hour. Many commuters will, no doubt, find this to be a dependable and economical alternative to private cars.

It is, of course, impossible for me to predict the number of commuters who will take advantage of direct bus service to CIA. However, all factors

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